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608 Harvey Street
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Mr. Abe Manley, Manager
Newark, Eagles Base Ball Club
c/o Hotel Arcade
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Manley,

I received your letter of March 28th, and it was indeed a surprise to me as I had not written you concerning the two boys you mentioned, Hobgood and Waters. What happened is this, they wrote a letter to you and signed my name to it.

They have been all winter trying to get me to recommend them to some team up North, I would not answer the letter that I received from the Ethiopian Clowns because they did not want me to tell both sides of the thing.

I mentioned to Dick last summer that I had a pitcher that was fairly good but young and I was going to let him know about him later but I have not written to him since then.

Now as for the boys, I would not recommend Waters as he is entirely too small as the players run and will not listen to reasons but in the event that you care to try him I will be glad for him to get the experience.

Hobgood is going to be a fine pitcher some day if he does not ruin himself too soon, he is the better of the two.

The main reason that I am not going to put my self out on the limb in regards to them is because both of them quit me cold last summer on a day when I had a team in town ready to play, they came to me at 2PM and told me that they were not going to play at 3PM unless I paid them in advance. I would not do it so both walked out on me, I told them that I would not recommend them after a trick like that.

And you can form your own conclusions of people that would resort to forgery in order to try to get a chance to play baseball.

You are depending upon me to tip you off to promising material and since you have that confidence in me as far as ball players are concerned I would not cause you to immediately lose it by tipping you off to a bunch of Ham ball players.

If you care to try them again I say I wish them much success but I merely wanted to let you know that I did not write the letter last month, in fact I did not know a thing about it until I received your letter today.

I wish you much luck the coming season, I still have your interest at heart, I wish I was able to play and help you but don't know whether I could make your team and too I am working regularly and have a brand new family.

Yours for much success,

C.D. Leonard, Sr.
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